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1. COPY OF SECRETARIAT'S 15 PAGE DRAFT OURLINE FOR PREPCOM
REPORT (PREP. COM/ W/6) SENT AMBASSADOR MALMGREN VIA AIRMAIL
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2. MISSION CONSIDERS DRAFT DISTINCTLY UNSATISFACTORY AND ILL-
SUITED AS SOURCE MATERIAL FOR CECLARATION AT TOKYO MINISTERIAL
MEETING. IT IGNORES OR INADEQUATELY REFLECTS SEVERAL POINTS MADE
BY U. S. DURING SECRETARIAT'S INFORMAL CONSULTATION AND HENCE
DOES NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECT FEBRUARY 1972 DECLARATIONS AND NOVEM-
BER 1972 CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY. FOR EXAMPLE, FEBRUARY WORDING ON
IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS REFLECTED AS A
SUGGESTION. AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY ARE FULLY SEPARATED
AND SECTION ON AGRICULTURE IS ALMOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE. IT
GIVES EXCESSIVE COVERAGE TO LDC ASPIRATIONS.

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3. IN MISSION OPINION, DRAFT IS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE OF BEING CONVERTED INTO A USEFUL REPORT BY TRYING TO NEGOTIATE IMPROVEMENTS IN PARTICULAR WORDS OR SENTENCES. A WHOLESAL RE- WRITE IS NEEDED AND THIS OBVIOUSLY CANNOT BE DONE IN FULL PREPCOM MEETING.

4. POSSIBLE WAY TO HANDLE THIS COULD BE TO MAKE IT CLEAR AT OUTSET OF PREPCOM U. S. HAS MAJOR RESERVATIONS ABOUT REPORT AS DRAFTED, URGE IT BE PUT ASIDE WHILE PREPCOM TURNS ITS ATTENTION TO WHAT HAS BEEN GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD TO BE ITS MAIN TASK IN JULY , I. E., DRAFTING A DECLARATION FOR ADOPTION BY MINISTERS. FORMULATIONS WHICH MAY PROVE ACCEPTABLE IN LATTER CONTEXT COULD PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR RE- DRAFT OF FULLER REPORT TO ACCOMPANY DRAFT DECLARATION. (MISSION THINKS IT LIKELY TIME WOULD RUN OUT BEFORE DETAILED REPORT COULD BE CONSIDERED; THIS WOULD BE NO LOSS IN OUR VIEW SINCE THERE IS REALLY NO NEED FOR MUCH MORE THAN PARA 2 OF SECRETARIAT' S DRAFT TO ACCOMPANY A DECLARATION AFFIRMING OBJECTIVES AND COVERAGE OF MTN AND ESTABLISHING TNC.)

5. IN VIEW CONTENT OF SECRETARIAT' S DRAFT REPORT, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR US TO UNDERTAKE PREPARATION OF A FIRST DRAFT OF A PROPOSED DECLARATION IN COLLABORATION WITH VERY SMALL NUMBER OF OTHER KEY DELS (INCLUDING OF COURSE EC).

6. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PRELIMINARY REACTIONS ON SUBSTANCE OR TACTICS WE COULD PASS ON TO SELECTED COLLEAGUES HERE IN ADVANCE OF MALMGREN' S ARRIVAL FOR PREPCOM WITH OBJECTIVE STEERING THEIR THINKING IN SIMILAR DIRECTION.
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